



UKSA Yachting Cadetship

// INFORMATION & APPLICATION PACK

Course Overview

The UKSA Yachting Cadetship is a three year programme for those specifically looking to embark on a long term career on large luxury private yachts (superyachts).

The UKSA Yachting Cadetship provides a structured route through the RYA scheme and beyond into MCA qualifications, with Cadets aiming to qualify as MCA Officer of the Watch (3000gt) at the end of the training programme. This qualification enables you to work on an unrestricted world-wide basis as Captain of yachts up to 200g and Officer of the Watch of the very largest yachts up to 3000gt.

Developed in close consultation with the MCA and their approved training guidelines, the UKSA Yachting Cadetship provides structured training coupled with paid work placements over five phases.

Before applying for the Yachting Cadetship, you should research the superyachting industry to assess your suitability for this area of work to ensure that a career at sea is the one for you. You may find it useful to visit the following websites to aid your research;

www.yotcru.com
www.yachtingcrews.com

There is one intake for the Yachting Cadetship each year in October. We are only able to take a limited number of Cadets, so we would recommend that you reserve your place well ahead of your intended start date.

Foundation Degree

It is also possible to complete a FdSc (Foundation Degree) in Operational Yacht Science alongside the Yachting Cadetship, providing you have at least 120 UCAS points at A2 level (original certificates must be presented to UKSA prior to starting the course to confirm 120 UCAS points have been achieved). If you are over the age of 21, and you do not have the required UCAS points, you could be assessed on any work place learning / training you have done. This is due to those over the age of 21 being classed as mature students for entry into university, who have slightly different entry requirements.

// CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS

Applicants should be aged 18 – 25 when they commence training. In some circumstances we may allow a Cadet to start training just before their 18th Birthday, however, if you are wishing to study for the Foundation Degree, you must be 18 when you start. Occasionally we may also accept a Cadet over the age of 25.

Good communication skills – oral and written – are essential for the Yachting Cadetship, as is a good understanding of mathematics. Cadets should have GCSEs (or equivalent) in English, Maths and Science, passed with grades A-C. Those without this academic ability may find the speed of the progression through the qualifications within the Cadetship extremely challenging, and they may benefit from taking a longer period of time to work their way up to MCA Officer of the Watch. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your academic history, please speak to your Course Adviser.

Whilst working in the superyacht industry, Cadets will be acting as an ambassador for UKSA, and as such candidates should be smart and presentable and have a good level of fitness. Successful candidates will also need to have exceptional motivation towards training and working, show commitment to a long term career in the superyacht industry, and be willing to work abroad.

Cadets will also be required to pass an MCA ENG1 medical examination prior to the start of their training at UKSA. Certain factors that may prevent you from passing this include; colour blindness, shortsightedness, diabetes, epilepsy, heart disease, uncontrolled high blood pressure, mental illness and alcoholism. If you are concerned about any of these conditions, please contact your Course Adviser.

Training Schedule

The Yachting Cadetship / Foundation Degree is delivered over five phases; combining periods of practical and shorebased training at UKSA with paid work placements

Phase One

Essential Cadetship Training – 19 Weeks

This phase will develop your skills and knowledge of safety and seamanship, providing you with the qualifications and fitness for industry that will enable you to apply for a work placement on a superyacht

Phase Two

Work Placement (Sea phase 1)

Approx 9 – 14 months

The Cadet will be employed as crew for the period of this phase aboard a 15m+ yacht. You will be assigned a mentor who will offer support via email and phone.

Phase Three

Yacht Operations and Management – 10 Weeks

The Cadet will utilise the experience gained through the first sea phase to develop officer command and management capabilities.

Foundation Degree Research Project – 5 Weeks

Those Cadets that choose to complete the Foundation Degree alongside the Cadetship will be required to complete a research project before going on to Phase Four. This can be done from home or there is an option to complete this at Falmouth Marine School (Additional accommodation cost will apply).

Phase Four

Work Placement (Sea phase 2)

Approx 9 - 14 months

During this phase you will return to sea in a more senior position, gaining a wider experience of vessels and operational areas. Work will be supervised by your assigned mentor via email and phone.

Phase Five

Cadetship Completion Training – 8 Weeks

Returning to the Academy, you will undergo revision in all subjects in preparation for the final exams by the MCA and will complete the academic study for the Cadetship.

Payment Schedule

// DEPOSIT **£2,495**

An initial payment of **£2,495** together with your completed Cadetship Application Form, will provide you with a conditional place on the Cadetship programme.

You will then be required to attend a Cadetship Selection.

// PAYMENT 2

Amount payable 10 weeks prior to the start of your training **£13,410**

FdSc Students will be required to pay an additional £750 for course fees at this stage **£750**

// PAYMENT 3

Amount payable in month 15 of the Cadetship **£4,885**

// PAYMENT 4

Amount payable in month 30 of the Cadetship **£4,160**

// TOTAL FEES **£24,950**

// TOTAL COST FOR FdSc STUDENTS **£25,700**

What next? How do I apply?

Once you have decided that you would like to apply for the UKSA Yachting Cadetship you will need to do the following;

- // Pay **£2,495** deposit to reserve your place on the Cadetship start date of your choice
- // Complete and return the UKSA Cadetship Application Form (along with CV and reference)
- // Read the Cadetship Selection Terms & Conditions and complete and return the Terms & Conditions Acceptance Form
- // Book on to a Cadetship Selection

You can pay your deposit most easily over the phone with your Course Adviser by calling +44(0)1983 203034, who will also need to go through some booking checks with you. You can pay by credit or debit card, bank transfer or cheque.

You should use the UKSA Cadetship Application Form, in particular the Personal Statement to demonstrate why you wish to apply for the Cadetship and what qualities or experience you have that you think would make you a good candidate. You should also set out your career aspirations and future goals beyond completing the course. You are encouraged to explain what makes a career at sea attractive to you.

You should also include a copy of your current CV, and a personal reference from a suitable member of the community.

Cadetship Selections take place approximately every three months. Please speak to your Course Adviser for dates and availability.

// CADETSHIP SELECTION

The Cadetship Selection will normally take place over two days (Thursday and Friday) and is designed to ensure that the Cadetship programme is the correct training for you, as well as for UKSA to ensure that you have the suitable attributes to be a Cadet.

The Cadetship Selection will include a formal interview, team building and psychometric test. You will also need to deliver a ten minute presentation on a superyacht of your choice. You will receive more information on how to prepare for this in your Joining Instructions once you have booked your Cadetship Selection.

In some circumstances, it is decided that the Cadetship wouldn't be the correct training programme for an applicant in order for them to reach their specific career aspirations. In this case we would suggest more appropriate training, and the deposit paid can be transferred to a different course. In the event that a candidate is unsuccessful at the selection event, and they decide not to continue with the alternative suggested training, they will be offered a full refund of the deposit.

In the instance of a candidate withdrawing their application for the Cadetship prior to the Selection, or those that cancel their place after being accepted onto the Cadetship at a Selection will not be entitled to a refund of their deposit.

Upon booking your place on a Cadetship Selection and payment of the £2495 booking deposit, you will receive your Cadetship Contract. This must be read, signed and returned to UKSA prior to the Cadetship Selection. You will be informed if you have been successful at the end of the Selection. The Cadetship Contract document will formally confirm your place on the Cadetship from the time of acceptance.



Yachting Cadetship APPLICATION FORM

CADETSHIP SELECTION DATE:.....

CADETSHIP START DATE:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO APPLY FOR THE FOUNDATION DEGREE? YES / NO

// Personal Details

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Tel no:

Mobile:

Email:

// Academic and Work History

Academic History:

please give details of schools / Institutions attended, subjects studied & grades achieved.

Work History:

// Skills and Achievements

Please outline your Watersports / Yachting / Engineering experience (if any):

Please detail any other achievements that may support your application:

// Personal Statement

Please outline why have you chosen to apply for the Yachting Cadetship and what attributes you may have that would make you a good candidate for the both the Cadetship and a career in the superyacht industry. You should also detail your aspirations of where you aim to reach in your career.

Signed:

Date:



Terms and Conditions

CADETSHIP SELECTION

Please read the Terms and Conditions set out below and **sign and return the acceptance form, retaining the Terms and Conditions** for your own records.

1 Deposit

- a) A place on a Cadetship selection event, and a provisional place on the Cadetship programme, will be reserved, and confirmed in writing upon receipt of a completed Cadetship Application Form and deposit of £2495. The deposit is refundable in full or transferable to another UKSA course if unsuccessful at a Cadetship Selection.
- b) Career Seminar Discount. If you book your place at a Careers Seminar you will be entitled to a discount of £100 off the cost of the deposit.

2 Cancellation

Should you wish to cancel your place on the Cadetship Selection / Cadetship you must inform us in writing.

- a) Candidates canceling prior to the Cadetship Selection will receive no refund of deposit paid.
- b) Candidates canceling after being accepted onto the Cadetship at a Selection event will receive no refund of deposit paid.
- c) Candidates that are not accepted onto the Cadetship at the Cadetship Selection are entitled to a full refund of the deposit, or this can be transferred to an alternative training programme at UKSA.

3 Payment Schedule

- a) Candidates will receive a Cadetship Contract shortly after the payment of their deposit. This must be read, signed and returned to UKSA prior to the Selection.

On acceptance to the Cadetship programme, you will be required to read and sign the Cadetship Contract which will formally confirm your place on the Cadetship.

- b) You will then be sent an invoice detailing payment dates for the remainder of your programme as detailed below.

- Payment 2 – Phase 1 £13,410 Due 10 weeks before start of Phase 1
- Payment 3 – Phase 3 £4,885 Due Month 15 of the Cadetship programme
- Payment 4 – Phase 5 £4,160 Due Month 30 of the Cadetship programme

- c) Any successful candidate studying for the Foundation Degree will be required to pay an additional £750 at Payment 2.

4 Age

The minimum age for the UKSA Yachting Cadetship is 18 years. There is a recommended upper age limit of 25 years – under some circumstances UKSA may accept candidates above this age.

5 Discipline

By signing the Terms and Conditions Acceptance form, candidates agree to abide by the Academy's Code of Conduct throughout their stay. The Academy reserves the right to ask any individual who is not conforming to the Code of Conduct to leave. The candidate will receive no refund of any fees paid in these cases. (The UKSA Code of Conduct is supplied within the candidates Joining Instruction pack, and is also freely available on request).

6 Candidates must inform the UKSA if they are unable to swim a distance of 50 metres.

7 Personal Effects

Although all possible measures are taken to ensure security, the Academy, its servants, employees or gents are not under any liability whatsoever in respect of loss or damage to students' personal property or belongings while attending the Cadetship selection event.

8 Adjustment of conditions

The Academy reserves the right to:

- a) Alter prices where necessary.
- b) Cancel a Cadetship Selection up to 4 weeks prior to the start date
- c) Request a candidate to withdraw from a Cadetship Selection
- d) Change the scheduled programme as advertised

9 Force Majeure

The UKSA cannot be held responsible for matters outside of its control. These include, but not by way of imitation, outbreak of hostilities, civil commotion, riot, storm, earthquake or any act of God affecting the conduct of the Cadetship Selection. In this event, the UKSA will endeavour to minimise the effects but will not be liable to refund any fees paid or to pay any compensation.

10 Contract

This document together with the UKSA Yachting Cadetship information provided to you by the UKSA forms a contract between the candidate and the UK Sailing Academy (UKSA). Any litigation referring to the contract will be dealt with according to English Law in an English court.

Note: The Yachting Cadetship programme need not be arduous but an average state of fitness is required. The nature of training and the area of operation can mean that medical and emergency care may not be available at short notice. It is therefore of paramount importance that the Cadetship Selection co-ordinator is aware of any medical or physical condition that could have a bearing on your ability to carry out activities. It is a condition of the UKSA's acceptance of you as a candidate on the Cadetship Selection that you inform the UKSA if any of the following conditions apply to you. Failure to disclose this information will be regarded as a breach of contract and may result in the termination of any future training without refund of any fees paid.

- a) Any current or previous medical condition which may re-occur (or period of medication) which is likely to prevent you from fully participating in the programme.
- b) Any incidence of diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis or depression.
- c) Any incidence of alcohol dependency, past or present.
- d) Any incidence of drug or substance abuse, past or present.
- e) Any period of mental or emotional instability including any breakdown which required psychiatric treatment.
- f) Any major incident, ashore or afloat, whose trauma may have an effect on your suitability to undertake extended periods afloat in a small yacht.
- g) The disclosure of the information above will not automatically cause the UKSA to reject your application but may require you to authorise access to your General Practitioner for a medical report. All information provided will be dealt with in strict confidence.
- h) The UKSA cannot accept any responsibility for candidates to meet the required medical standards for MCA Commercial Endorsement. It is strongly recommended that candidates wishing to work commercially, verify their medical suitability for commercial employment with an approved medical practitioner prior to training.

PLEASE KEEP THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR YOUR RECORDS.



Terms and Conditions Acceptance Form

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Please sign and date below and return this Acceptance Form to UKSA, retaining the Terms and Conditions for your records.

I confirm that I have read and understood the points set out in the UKSA Cadetship Selection Terms and Conditions.

NAME:

CADETSHIP SELECTION DATE:.....

CADETSHIP START DATE:

SIGNED:

DATE: